

Altered Level Of Consciousness

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The phrase “altered level of consciousness” is used to represent any infant or child who displays a change in his or her normal mental state. It is of utmost importance to assess and treat the under-lying and often life threatening conditions associated with altered mental status than to treat the altered mental status itself.

Basic Life Support

1. Scene safety
2. BSI
3. Check ABC's
4. Place on Oxygen 100% by NRB mask
5. Place on AED if indicated.
6. Gather history from the caregiver:
7. When did the symptoms appear and the child begin to be abnormal?
8. Any trauma?
9. What medications are in the house?
10. Seizure or neurological disorder?
11. Diabetic?
12. Ingestion?

AEIOUTIPPS: Possible Causes of Altered Level Of Consciousness

A- Alcohol	T- Trauma, Temperature
E- Epilepsy, Endocrine, Electrolytes	I- Infection
I- Insulin	P- Psychogenic
O- Opiates and other drugs	P- Poison
U- Uremia	S- Shock, Stroke, Space occupying lesion, Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

Advanced Life Support

1. ALS airway management as indicated.
2. Place patient on ECG monitor and Pulse oximetry.

Key Points/Considerations

Service Director Initials _____

Medical Director Initials _____

Date Approved By KBEMS _____

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